

RECYCLING EFFICIENCY INCENTIVES GRANTS

Authorization: s. 287.235, Wis. Stats.

Budget: 2004 Calendar Year = \$1.9 million
2005 Calendar Year = \$1.9 million

Objective: To provide financial assistance to responsible units that have demonstrated recycling program efficiency.

Eligibility: All Responsible Units -- municipalities (cities, towns, and villages), special purpose recycling districts, and counties designated by a municipality to operate a recycling program within a municipality -- with an “effective” recycling programs (as defined in s. NR 544.04, Wis. Admin. Code).

Level of Assistance: All eligible Responsible Units will receive a per capita portion of available funds not to exceed the difference between their net eligible recycling costs from 2 years earlier and the amount of their *Grants to Responsible Units* also provided 2 years earlier.

Priorities: For 2005 grant funding – Responsible Units that apply and have accomplished any of the following efficiency measures between October 31, 2003 and October 30, 2004:

- ◆ Consolidation of at least two responsible units into a single responsible unit;
- ◆ Cooperation between at least two responsible units for direct recycling services.
- ◆ Cooperation between at least two responsible units for private vendor recycling services.

For calendar year 2006 grant and beyond – Responsible Units that apply and have undertaken any of the efficiency measures above at least 6 months before the grant application deadline.

Eligible Types of Projects: Eligible costs may include all of the following:

- ◆ The costs of planning, including consultant fees.
- ◆ Construction costs, including capitalized interest, professional services of an attorney and engineering services for design, construction, and construction inspection.
- ◆ Training, salaries, and fringe benefit costs of personnel.
- ◆ The purchase of necessary supplies.

- ◆ Capital purchases for all of the following:
 1. Equipment costing \$1,000 or more and with an expected life of 3 or more years funded on an amortized basis.
 2. Land, including site acquisition at fair market value and site preparation costs.
- ◆ The allocable cost of using equipment not purchased with grant monies, as provided under s. NR 542.10 (1) (b) 3, Wis. Admin. Code.
- ◆ Costs of collecting recyclables, marketing and transporting recyclables to market.
- ◆ Costs of public education and enforcement.
- ◆ Written contracts entered into by responsible units to obtain services necessary for an effective recycling program.
- ◆ Any of the following costs of a solid waste facility designed to recover recyclables from post-consumer waste:
 1. All costs that can be directly attributed to the recycling component.
 2. The proportionate share of the remaining costs as calculated as a proportion of recovered recyclables to total waste, by weight.
- ◆ Costs of documenting how solid waste that is generated in the grant applicant's region and is not separated or recovered for recycling will be managed, as required by s. 287.11 (2) (ew), Wis. Stats.

Applications: Applications for calendar year 2005 grants were available from the DNR by July 2004; postmark deadline = Oct. 30, 2004. Applications for all subsequent calendar years must be postmarked no later than October 30th of the year before the year for which grants are being requested.

History: The grant was provided for the first time in calendar year 2003 and the DNR issued 111 grants.

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